

PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

Effective December 8, 2004

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

TOTAL CLAIMS	29	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	29 minus 20=	* 9
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6 minus 3 =	* 3
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	* 34	Minus	** 29	= 9
Independent	* 13	Minus	*** 6	= 7
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM	<input type="checkbox"/>			

SMALL ENTITY
TYPE OR OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	Fee	RATE	Fee
BASIC FEE	150.00	OR BASIC FEE	300.00
X\$ 25=		OR X\$50=	
X100=		X200=	
+180=		+360=	
TOTAL		OR TOTAL	1154.00

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY
OR SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 25=		OR X\$50=	150.00
X100=		X200=	1100.00
+180=		+360=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	1850.00

(Column 1)

(Column 2)

(Column 3)

AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	* 34	Minus	** 29	= 9
Independent	* 13	Minus	*** 6	= 7
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM	<input type="checkbox"/>			

RATE ADDITIONAL FEE

X\$ 25=		X\$50=	
X100=		X200=	
+180=		+360=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE ADDITIONAL FEE

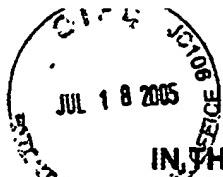
AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	* 34	Minus	** 29	= 9
Independent	* 13	Minus	*** 6	= 7
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM	<input type="checkbox"/>			

RATE ADDITIONAL FEE

X\$ 25=		X\$50=	
X100=		X200=	
+180=		+360=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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**For: APPARATUS AND METHODS
FOR TUBULAR MAKEUP
INTERLOCK**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 15, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 15, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0116.C1/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

Further, the references do not teach, show, or suggest a tubular gripping member for gripping the casing string in the non-vertical position, as recited in claim 18. (Shaw, Figure 6) As shown in Figure 6, even when the elevator is tilted away, the tubular is still in a vertical position.

Further, the references do not teach, show, or suggest an interlock system connected to the first gripping member and the second gripping member, the interlock system adapted to ensure that at least one of the first gripping member or the second gripping member is connected to the tubular, as recited in claim 22.

Further, the references do not teach, show, or suggest the structural intermediate and the gripping member provide fluid communication to an inner diameter of the casing string, as recited in new claim 37.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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